

FOOCHOW NOTES.

Fochow, May 6th.

A native bank in the city had to close its doors on Monday last. It was known as the Kin-chun bank. The liabilities were \$5,000.

Yet another failure has taken place in the place—goods trade this week, though with smaller liabilities than those previously reported, namely \$6,000.

The remains of the late Provincial Treasurer, Pan, who died a fortnight ago, were removed to his own country in Anhui on Sunday last in one of the Chinese gun-boats, his family and many friends accompanying them.

Thursday last was the anniversary of the Viceroy's birthday. It was observed in the customary manner. All the officials and many other mandarins of high rank assembled at the Viceroy's residence to offer their congratulations, and several grand banquets were given.

The New Provincial Treasurer, T'ung, has issued a proclamation informing the people that in all cases of trouble or disagreement among them, they must send their petitions to the Judge of the Prefecture. It is only in the event of their failing to obtain justice or protection in that court that they are to come to him.

A native cargo boat, from the interior, laden with firewood, and in charge of four men, came to grief as she neared her destination. To avoid collision with a steam launch, the helmsman steered her off unquadrately and ran her midships against the tug anchor chain of a large junk when she at once capsized. Three of the men, who were good swimmers, reached the river bank in safety, but the fourth was unfortunately drowned.

The piratical case reported by us last week has been enquired into by H.E. the Viceroy. It was that of a Ningpo junk bound for this port having been attacked by pirates and having been robbed of the whole of her cargo. It appears that the attack took place in the neighbourhood of Tachow in the province of Chekiang, and his Excellency has addressed the T'ung of the district asking for an explanation, and ordering that the captains and crews of the two war-junks, stationed there for the special purpose of suppressing piracy, be summarily dismissed.—Echo.

SHAHSING.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

Shaohsing, April 24th, 1893.

The Chinese are a wonderful people! A strange composition of right and wrong, of force and weakness, of corruption and decay seem to be written on all material objects that strike the eye; and all their institutions even appear to be honeycombed with dishonest dealings and questionable practices; yet, beneath all this unattractive material, there are moral forces at work, which act as salt to the nation, and help greatly to the preservation of the empire. In their internal administration, such principles are introduced and acted upon, and are allowed to penetrate and operate upon the lowest of the low, even right into their prisons as more wholesome and effective than certain cases, especially in bringing about a reformation of character and conduct in those troublesome and lawless individuals—the ticket-of-leave men.—I mean those convicts who have been transported from their Native towns or villages for some dreadful or diabolical crime, and who, after being kept in distance for a time, are allowed to wander about the streets of the city, and to beg and bounce for their bread at all the shops they can reach, and to impose on every simple citizen or peasant they come across—being recognized as properly legalized beggars, having official authority to beg for their living. Now, the unwritten law of rewards and punishments is made use of by the Chinaman in the reformation of these men and women—for there are women-transportees, or female convicts, too. And the local government, instead of employing a man specially to look after this class of criminals, holds out to the convicts themselves certain emoluments, and promises to certain positions, even to becoming the ruler or chief of the crew, the man who attains to this honour by consistent good conduct is called Chün-tou (although the character "Chün" originally and principally belongs to the army and was applied to military matters, yet now-a-days it is applied not only to deserters, but to all persons banished to other parts for any crime). We have had two of these Chün-tou connected with the church at the city of Hainan. Their steadiness of conduct was stimulated and encouraged, they told us, by the promise of promotion. This was before they met us. These men are made responsible for the conduct of all the transports in the said district. If one escapes, it is the duty of the chief to at once inform the magistrate of the place; he must not delegate or deputize this matter to the officials in ordinary. If it be discovered that through negligence or bribery the prisoner escaped, then his head will be taken off. One of these Chün-tou (not connected with the church), has been guilty of negligence and fraud, in the month of last year a new convict was banished from the province of Shantung to the district of Hainan. The Chün-tou, who is Shantung man also, received him and lured him into all the mysteries of his prison life; and daily or monthly, went himself in person to receive the stipulated allowance for such prisoners. This the chief ought not to have done, but the prisoner himself should present himself for his allowance. Alas! this new arrival soon made good his escape, and, as it were, wisely returned to his native place in Shantung, and gave the man who was the cause of his banishment a murderous beating, leaving the man for dead. Of course he was again arrested, when, to the magistrate, to his honor and dismay, discovered that the prisoner was the man whom he had banished a few months ago to Chekiang.

In the maritime Mr. Han—the Chün-tou of the convict at Hainan—was the one connected with us—had been daily drawing the allowance due to the escaped prisoner, having neglected to inform the proper authorities at the time of the escape. (Of course, speeches were sent from Shantung demanding an explanation of the prisoner's escape, and the Chün-tou was not been forwarded to Shantung, etc., etc. The Hainan Magistrate, Yang Lai-yi, was in a pretty hot state of mind, and the said runaway demanded Mr. Han at once brought the escaped prisoner under his own instructions—ever since the Shantung convict had fled. Poor Han had returned for years, but he could not stand the temptation of the high case. Having neglected to inform the proper authorities of the flight of the prisoner in the first instance, he was driven to the next and next step in the affair in order to defend himself from the just punishment due to his crime. The T'ung also was found to be involved in the case, but his friends—who he was summoned to appear—reported him as having recently died. As it was safer for this subordinate to be dead than to have his head taken off, however, he has been dead would secure the property of his wife and children, and the T'ung, who has the chief and a thousand stripes at once from the enraged Magistrate, Yang Lai-yi. And this is the end.

after Chinese fashion, he does get pardoned after having undergone a long term of imprisonment, and much personal suffering, he will then have to begin to reform all over again before he can stand the post of Chün-tou. Some are might say, "Oh, will such a man ever be reinstated in his former position?" Well, the Chinaman knows how to manipulate and utilize very bad stuff indeed; pirates and rebels and prostitutes are bought over by rewards and tempting offers; the two former classes being made magistrates or captains and even major-generals, proving faithful to their trust and loyal to their king! whilst the latter class of unfortunates turn out virtuous women, faithful to their husbands, and trustworthy in all their new relations of life! To the onlooker, right seems turned upside down! Yet much of the administration of government in China is carried out on these lines. Can this go on for ever or will there be a sudden and mighty collapse one day? If those moral forces we have spoken of, which are working underneath all this perversion, become weaker and weaker, there will then come a tremendous crash, and the whole fabric fall to pieces. May such a catastrophe be averted, is our prayer! What China wants is closest contact with the spiritual forces of Christianity, which shall so melt and mould her own moral forces as to make her receptive to those higher spiritual powers which can raise her people morally and change the nation radically. May this happy time come speedily. We must not lose heart; obdurate as the people are and hostile as the officials may be, we have powers and forces behind us which, if used wisely and energetically, no obdurate or hostile can withstand. When those democratic elements that play their part unobtrusively among the people now, are properly educated by the truths of Christianity, then the common-sense of the Chinaman will assert itself on the side of right, which by its accumulated force from the past numbers, will overwhelm and swallow up all the old conservative and despotic elements which now keep the nation back and in bonds.—Mercury.

NEWS AND GOSSIP.

A London barber has been fined £15 for supplying beer to people who went to his shop to get their hair cut.

In the Isle of Man there are no death duties, no income tax, and, with the exception of a small duty on beer, no excise.

The gold standard is gaining converts almost every year among the countries of Europe. Greece is now making the change.

In Germany five new industrial courts of arbitration have been established for settling disputes between miners and their employers.

During the last twenty years the area of land in England under the plough has diminished by very nearly 2,000,000 acres, or over 14 per cent.

A copy of the first edition of Columbus' letter in Latin, announcing the discovery of America, printed in Rome in 1493, sold in London for £315.

A German imperial loan of 150,000,000 marks has been authorized, of which 50,000,000 marks are to bear interest at the rate of 3 per cent per annum.

The Austrian War Office has decided to adopt the bullet-proof cloth, one-third of an inch thick, invented by Herr Lysander, an engineer living in Paris.

Mohammedanism is largely on the increase in the British West African colony of Sierra Leone, one-tenth of the population now being of that faith.

The Australian colony of Victoria produced 665,000 ounces of gold last year, an increase of 41,000 ounces over 1891, and the largest yield since 1866.

Four thousand working people have been thrown out of employment in New South Wales by the stoppage of several collieries in the Rhondda Valley.

It looks as though the cooperative system in Great Britain, which has been so much talked of for twenty-five years, was weakening. A good many branches do not pay.

English ironmasters are astonished at the fact that the "protection" Germans are sending steel into the centre of England at prices against which the native workers cannot compete.

The overthrown King of Dahomey has addressed an appeal to "all civilized nations" for sympathy with his cause, which, he says, is that of right and justice, in his struggle with France.

Sheep-rearing is declining greatly in New South Wales. The number of sheep in the colony on January 1st this year was 58,919,616, a decrease of 3,311,800 compared with the year previous.

During 1892 there were 4,651 desertions from the British Army. There were 10,303 committals and 208,190 minor punishments imposed. The general conduct of the soldiers is improving.

There is serious talk in France of building a canal from the Atlantic to the Mediterranean, so that the commerce trade for other countries need not be carried within range of the English guns at Gibraltar.

A group of Socialists gave alarm to King Leopold's troops at Brussels, the other day. They rushed up with a red flag and shouted, "Long live universal suffrage," but did not attack the officers as expected.

Australasian shipments of wheat to Europe in January, February and March were 5,564,000 bushels, against 2,412,000 bushels in the first quarter of 1892, and 5,336,000 bushels in the first quarter of 1891.

Venezuela is to have a new 1-cent stamp similar in form and size to the U.S. Columbian issue. It will bear a representation of the landing made by the subordinate of Columbus on the coast of Venezuela in the year 1498.

Cliff railways in England grow more and more popular. The Clifton Railway is a remarkably steep line cut in a tunnel from the gorge of the Avon to the summit of Clifton Rocks. The gradient is one foot in two feet, and the tunnel 27 by 18 feet.

A balloon carrying three passengers left Buzsaki at midnight recently. Mr. Toul, a professional aeronaut, was in charge. Over Estampes, Toul fell from the balloon and was dashed to pieces. The two other passengers continued the voyage.

In the manufacture of beer last year in the United Kingdom 55,824,570 bushels of malt and 2,091,750 cwt. of sugar were used. The duties paid amounted to £10,079,078. London is the largest brewing centre, having 139 breweries. Burton comes next.

Telegraph lines to the Zambesi Territory have but a brief existence, according to present experience. Elephants knock them down, the carmen steal the thick lines for mending purposes, and the Natives take them for their own use. A Scotchman named Proudfoot, who did recently in Natal, bequeathed £50,000 to the laborers in Moffat, Scotland. Thirty laborers in the village have resolved to use the money in establishing a public institution for the sick and aged poor and in maintaining a pension fund.

An immense crowd gathered at the docks at Christiania, Norway, and cheered as the "Viking" passed down the harbor firing salutes. She will cruise along the coast, in order that the people may have a chance to see her, and early in May will sail from Bergen for the United States.

According to the *Frankfurter Zeitung* the Executive Committee of the Anti-slavery Company has decided to discontinue Major von

Wissman's enterprise and to offer the Nyassa station to the Imperial Government. Funds are insufficient for the continuance of the new enterprise.

The scheme for the construction of a canal from the Ebro to the Danube, for the purpose of connecting the Baltic and the Black Sea, has assumed definite shape. The Austrian Government is to provide a great part of the capital, and the remainder has been subscribed by a London syndicate.

Lord Sackville-West is not expected to be enthusiastically active in the reception that will be accorded to Ambassador Bayard upon his arrival at the court of St. James. It was Mr. Bayard's unpleasant duty to pack Lord Sackville-West off home for his pernicious activity in what became historic as the "Marchioness letter."

To-day's Advertisements.

ST. JOHN LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 618, S.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, THIS EVENING, the 12th inst., at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited. Hongkong, 12th May, 1893. [540]

SELAMA TIN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, (IN LIQUIDATION).

THE MEETING advertised for 4 o'clock YESTERDAY, will be held at 12.30 P.M. TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 13th inst. By Order of the Board, W. HUTTON POTTS, Liquidator. Hongkong, 12th May, 1893. [546]

WANTED—SITUATION IN CHINA.

A YOUNG unmarried European Gentleman, SPEAKING the "CHINESE MANDARIN DIALECT, with some knowledge of the WRITTEN LANGUAGE (to be proven by most competent Testimonials) and able to correspond in the English, Dutch, German and French Languages is looking for some situation in China.

SALARY not the principal object, but some reasonable prospect for future advancement in life would be welcome.

THE NETHERLAND CONSULATE, at Hongkong, Shanghai or Amoy. Hongkong, 12th May, 1893. [560]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

IT is hereby notified for public information that the VALUATION LIST for the Colony for 1893-94 will be OPEN to inspection at the TREASURY for 21 days, commencing on MONDAY, the 15th May, 1893. By Command, G. T. M. O'BRIEN, Colonial Secretary. Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 12th May, 1893. [561]

WANTED, FOR A GENTLEMAN, one comfortably FURNISHED ROOM with BATH-ROOM, in a respectable family (higher level preferred); no Board nor attendance required. State price in writing to G. R., c/o French Consulate. Hongkong, 12th May, 1893. [563]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED, FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW. The Company's Steamship

"NAMO," Captain Harris, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 14th instant at Daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 12th May, 1893. [562]

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 1,165, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, on TUESDAY, the 16th inst., at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited. Hongkong, 12th May, 1893. [548]

Intimations. KOCH'S PRIVATE BOARDING HOUSE, No. 30, STANLEY STREET.

BOARD and LODGING, Per Day ... \$ 1.50 BOARD (TIFFIN and DINNER) Per Month ... \$25.00 Hongkong, 24th March, 1893. [570]

LEVY HERMANOS. JEWELLERY, DIAMONDS, WATCH, CHRONOMETER & CLOCKMAKERS.

Sole Agents for PATRICK PHILLIPS & Co., Geneva. A great variety in Fancy Goods and Optical Instruments.

15, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Opposite the Telegraph Office.

G. FALCONER & CO., WATCH and CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS and JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS and BOOKS. No. 48, Queen's Road Central. [620]

CHS. J. GAUPP & CO., CHRONOMETER, WATCH, and CLOCKMAKERS, JEWELLERS, SILVERSMITHS, and OPTICIANS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS and BOOKS. Sole Agents for Louis Audemars' Watches awarded the highest Prizes at every Exhibition, and for Voigtlander and Sohn's CELEBRATED OPTICAL GLASSES, MARINE GLASSES and SPYGLASSES. No. 8, Queen's Road Central. [623]

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THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremlla"—A. B. C. Code.—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East, affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf (the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping Offices.

THE HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers. THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cuisine being under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communicators. The Billiard, Whiting and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Room, the new Bar and public BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience. A handsomely appointed GRILL ROOM, where chops, steaks, &c., are served at any hour adjacent to the HOTEL, and is under the same Management.

THE WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied. HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above. NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER, Manager. [108]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE have this Day Established ourselves as MERCHANTS and COMMISSION AGENTS at FOOCHOW.

F. CAVE-THOMAS & Co. FOOCHOW, 1st May, 1893. [545]

A. E. SKEELS & Co., Telegraphic Address "SOBRINGS" Hongkong, (A.B.C. Code 4th Edition.)

AUCTIONEERS, VALUERS & GENERAL MERCHANTS. No. 17, PRAYA CENTRAL. Under Messrs. Douglas Larpaik & Co.'s Office.

MESSRS. A. E. SKEELS & Co. undertake Sales Privately, or by Auction, of any class of Goods or Property. Prompt Settlements Guaranteed. Immediate Cash advances on Goods for Auction.

Cargoes received for Storage, Insurances effected.

FOR SALE by private treaty: THREE FIRE ENGINES and a large quantity of Valuable Machinery. Hongkong, 28th April, 1893. [570]

Auctions. PUBLIC AUCTION OF JAPANESE AND CHINESE CURIOS, &c., TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 13th May, 1893, AT 2.30 P.M. SHARP, AT THE AUCTION MART, 17, PRAYA CENTRAL, Comprising—

CHINESE PORCELAIN VASES, TOILET SETS, FLOWER JARS, PLAQUES, BOWLS, PLATES, ORNAMENTS, &c.

ALSO, JAPANESE PORCELAIN VASES, BOWLS, TEA and BREAKFAST SETS, CUPS and SAUCERS, SILK and COTTON CRAFTS, PHOTO FRAMES, BAMBOO DOYLES, LACQUER-WARE, CHILDREN'S TOYS, &c., &c.

On view on Friday and Saturday A.M. TERMS OF SALE—Cash on delivery. A. E. SKEELS & Co., Auctioneers & Valuers. Auction Mart, 17, Praya Central, Hongkong, 8th May, 1893. [543]

IN LIQUIDATION. PUBLIC AUCTION OF 90,000 MANILA CIGARS, In Lots of 500, (Without Reserve) AT THE AUCTION MART, 17, PRAYA CENTRAL, TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 13th May, 1893, AT 4.30 P.M. SHARP.

On view and Samples obtained of the Auctioneers on Saturday A.M. The above will be Sold immediately after the Auction Sale of Japanese and Chinese Curios. SALE TERMS—Cash before delivery. A. E. SKEELS & Co., Auctioneers & Valuers. Auction Mart, 17, Praya Central, Hongkong, 11th May, 1893. [550]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION, No. 139.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of Crown Land, by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on MONDAY, the 15th day of May, 1893, at 4 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command, G. T. M. O'BRIEN, Colonial Secretary. Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 22nd April, 1893. [538]

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 15th day of May, 1893, at 4 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of the CROWN LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.

Boundary Measurements. Contained in Acres. Situated in the District of.

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The Share Market.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.
 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—110 per cent.
 The National Bank of China, Ltd.—on £8.10.
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KWEIYANG, British steamer, 1,057, A. W. Outer-

DEPARTURES.
 May 12, Polyphemus, British steamer, for Singapore, &c.
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ARRIVALS.
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REPORTS.
 The British steamship *Kwong* reports that she left Shanghai on the 9th instant. Had light variable winds to Turnabout, and strong north-easterly and northerly breeze to port.

The British steamship *Namoo* reports that she left Foochow on the 9th instant. Experienced fresh north-easterly breeze and considerable rain. On the 10th, and Swatow on the 11th. Left Amoy on the 12th, and Swatow on the 13th. From Amoy to Swatow had fresh north-easterly breeze and clear weather. From Swatow to port similar weather. In Foochow the steamships *Kowshing*, *Chio*, and *Oicorihall*. In Amoy the steamships *Hailong* and *Cass*. In Swatow the steamships *Soochow*, *Kong Beng*, *Toonan*, and *Chang Hya Teng*.

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SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.
STEAMERS.
 AMOY, German steamer, 652, W. Wolff, 9th May, Bangkok 10th April, Rice—Ed. Schellhaus & Co.

ARRATON APCAR, British steamer, 1,322, J. E. Hansen, 8th May, Singapore 22nd April, Penang 20th, and Singapore 22nd May, General—Ed. Schellhaus & Co.

ASK, Danish steamer, 562, Revsbech, 11th May, Hongkong 8th May, and Hailong 10th, General—A. R. Martz.

AVOCHIE, British steamer, 1,056, T. Rowie, 9th May, Saigon 4th May, Rice—Melchers & Co.

BANTAM, Dutch steamer, 1,451, C. J. van de Bergh, 10th May, Saigon 6th May, Rice and Paddy—Lauze, Wegener & Co.

BENKID, British steamer, 1,481, J. H. Clark, 11th May, Saigon 8th April, Rice and Paddy—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

CITY OF PEKING, American steamer, 1,329, R. R. Searle, 8th May, San Francisco 15th April, and Yokohama 2nd May, Mail and General—P. M. S. S. Co.

CLAM, British steamer, 2,310, Daniel, 7th May, Batoum 25th March, Petroleum—Captain.

DENBOSHIRE, British steamer, 1,662, Alex. Clark, 11th May, Mojibah May, General—Doddwell, Carill & Co.

DEVAYONG, British steamer, 1,057, Geo. Anderson, 10th May, Bangkok 1st May, and Koh-el-chang 4th, Rice and General—Yuen Fat Hong.

DON JUAN, Spanish steamer, 654, R. Beltran, 11th May, Manila 8th May, General—Brandão & Co.

EMERALDA, British steamer, 966, G. A. Taylor, 11th May, Manila 8th May, General—Brandão & Co.

HONGKONG SAILING VESSELS.

(Continued.)
 RANDAMETER, British 4-masted schooner, 1,775, J. G. Jones, 11th Feb., New York 14th October, Koroese Oil—Captain.

BRASILEIRA, British bark, 204, A. Skilling, 4th May, Singapore 21st March, Timber—Captain.

CHONG CHING, British ship, 1,747, C. Owen, 5th March, New York 4th Oct., Oil—Shewan & Co.

IRON DUCK, German bark, 1,413, H. Haselgen, 4th April, New York 29th Oct., Petroleum—Shewan & Co.

JOSEPHUS, American ship, 1,840, T. Rogers, 1st April, New York 5th Nov., Oil—Reuter, Brockmann & Co.

MILLY, German schooner, 9, O. Kessler, 16th April, Talut 12th Mar., General—Stamm & Co.

PAPA, German bark, 748, T. W. Thoen, 17th Jan., Cardiff 14th Sept., Patten Fuel and Coke—Order.

PARAMITA, American ship, 1,408, Soala, 21st April, San Francisco 17th Feb., Flour—Chilless.

R. R. THOMAS, American ship, 1,333, Nichols, 11th March, New York 10th October, Petroleum—Order.

SEMIATOR, British ship, 1,695, H. P. Smith, 22nd March, New York 20th October, Case Oil—Melchers & Co.

THEOPHYLUS, British bark, 948, J. R. Winchester, 17th April, Victoria, B.C., 17th Feb., Honolulu 18th Jan., General—Chilless.

VELOCITY, British bark, 421, K. Marlin, 25th Feb., Honolulu 18th Jan., General—Chilless.

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